था, इस अवधि के दौरान केवल 78,870 व्यक्तियों को वास्तविक रूप में ऋण वितरित किया गया था।

(ग) से (ङ) 1996-97 तथा 1997-98 के दौरान सरकार का उद्देश्य प्रधान मंत्री रोजगार योजना के अन्तर्गत सम्पूर्ण देश के लिए प्रत्येक वर्ष 2.20,000 व्यक्तियों का वार्षिक योजना लक्ष्य प्राप्त करना था। उत्तर प्रदेश के लिए 1996-97 के लिए 35,813 व्यक्तियों का तथा 1997-98 के लिए 45,200 व्यक्तियों का लक्ष्य रखा गया था।

Dcrcscrvation of items for SSIs

*78. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that small scale industry sector is peeved at dereservation of the items;

(b) if so, the details of the representations received by Government from SSI organisations;

(c) the details of action takeivproposed thereon; and

(d) the details of action taken on the recommendations of the Nagar Committee to safeguard interests and promote healthy growth of small scale industrial sector?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) Recommendations of the Abid Hussain Committee including the issue of dereservation were discussed in detail at the meeting of the SSI Board held on 30th August, 1997 and as a follow-up on the decision taken thereat, State Governments and several SSI associations were asked to express their opinion specifically on dereservation of certain identified items. While some of the SSI associations have opposed dereservation in general, some of them have also supported the recomendation for dereservation.

(c) On the advice of the Advisory Committee on Reservation, Government has decided to go in for dereservation only in a phased manner after careful consideration and keeping in view the overall interst of small scale sector.

(d) Government is not aware of any Committee in the name and style of Nagar Committee to safeguard the interests and growth of the small scale sector.

In order to promote healthy growth of the SSI sector, Government implements several policies and programmes specifically designed for the benefit of the Sector. These include policy measures for reservation of items for exclusive manufacture in the Small Scale Sector, price and purchase preference for SSI products in Government procurement, fiscal concessions in the form of excise relief and Government assisted schemes for the infrastructure development, technology upgradation and modernisation and promotion of the entrepreneurship.

Appointments in CPWD

*79. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:
SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA:

Will the MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Govrnment have received letters from the M.Ps. during the last one year till date, month-wise highlighting irregularities in appointments on compassionate grounds in CPWD, Electric Division No. II, New Delhi;

(b) whether candidates who were eligible at the time of appointment as Clerks were appointed as Khalasis;

(c) if so, the steps taken to initiate an enquiry into the matter alongwith the action taken, details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN):

(a) One representation has been